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Provisional agenda and organization of work

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Transforming public administration for sustainable development:
   (a) Strengthening national and local capacities for sustainable development management;
   (b) Promoting leadership, innovation and risk management for sustainable development;
   (c) Invigorating the professionalism and morale of the public service.

Documentation

The Committee of Experts on Public Administration will submit three background papers for discussion with a view to: (a) addressing progress in attaining the Millennium Development Goals, residual challenges and governance deficits and how transforming governance to allow it to serve the interests of sustainable development as well as defining a new vision for capacity development are now urgent imperatives at both the national and local levels for sustainable development management (E/C.16/2014/2); (b) exploring the transformation in public administration and public leadership that needs to be undertaken to enable Governments to pursue and achieve sustainable development, and calling for public administration leadership to adopt risk management practices and develop appropriate capacities to assess, measure and manage risk (E/C.16/2014/3); and (c) offering commentary on the impact of reform on the public service and on public servants as the stewards for delivery of the development goals, especially in developing countries in Africa, and the challenges and issues reform has wrought on the professionalism of the public service, and drawing lessons from the reform periods and the Millennium Development Goals to explore whether public

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servants have the requisite ethos, behavioural pattern and motivation to successfully deliver on the sustainable development agenda (E/C.16/2014/4). On the basis of the parameters set out in those papers, the Committee will discuss and present conclusions and recommendations related to the transformation of public governance and public administration in supporting sustainable development.

4. Review of the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance.

Documentation

The Secretariat will submit a report on the activities implemented in 2013 and those proposed for implementation in the biennium 2014-2015 under the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance (E/C.16/2014/5). The Committee will review those activities with a view to making recommendations to the Secretariat aimed at assisting Member States in addressing concerns of global importance and in becoming aware of emerging issues related to public governance and administration and its role in supporting sustainable development.

5. Agenda for the fourteenth session of the Committee of Experts.

Documentation

The Committee will review its programme of work and make recommendations to the Economic and Social Council on the agenda for its fourteenth session.